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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of: Peter A. Graef, Colin Elston, Daniel T. Bunker, Fred B. Howard, Jeffrey D. Mathews, Shahrokh A. Naieni, and Charles E. Miller, entitled ABSORBENT ARTICLE CONTAINING UNITARY STRATIFIED COMPOSITE.

1a. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/137,503, filed August 20, 1998, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

1b. This application claims the benefit of provisional Application No. 60/032,916, filed December 6, 1996, the benefit of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

2. An application consisting of 48 pages of specification and claims and 11 sheets of drawings is attached.

3. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation or divisional, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]

i. Please delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application, such deleted person(s) not being an inventor of the subject matter claimed herein:

ii. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

4. The prior application was assigned to Weyerhaeuser Company, by an assignment recorded at reel 9631/frame 0529.

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